

REMARKS

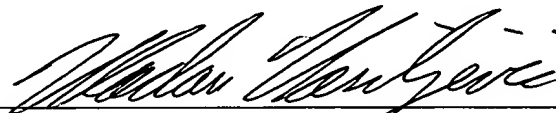
Claims 1-24 have been examined. Independent claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,263,387 issued to Chrabaszc (herein "Chrabaszc") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,205,505 issued to Jau et al. (herein "Jau"), the dependent claims 2 through 9 of claim 1 are rejected as obvious based on Chrabaszc, Jau, U.S. Patent No. 6,509,981 issued to Shih (herein "Shih"), U.S. Patent No. 6,009,480 issued to Pleso (herein "Pleso"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,734,831 issued to Sanders (herein "Sanders"). Independent claim 10 is rejected as obvious over Chrabaszc in view of Jau, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,650 issued to Gaither et al. (herein "Gaither"), and dependent claims 10 through 23 are rejected as obvious based on Chrabaszc, Jau, Gaither, Shih, U.S. Patent No. 6,202,147 issued to Slaughter (herein "Slaughter"), and U.S. Patent No. 6,085,249 issued to Wang (herein "Wang"). Independent claim 24 is allowed at this time.

In light of the Office's allowance of claim 24, Applicants cancel claims 1 through 23, without prejudice, to place the case in condition for allowance. Moreover, Applicants add claims 25 through 29, which depend from allowed claim 24. New claims 25 through 29 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to independent claim 1, from which they respectively depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that all the rejections be withdrawn and the allowance of claims 24 through 29.

CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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